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Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R.§ 1.136, Applicant(s) herewith petition(s) that the period for response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 13, 2004, be extended for one month(s), to and including November 13, 2004. For the Commissioner's convenience this Petition is submitted in duplicate. If any additional fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-4213.

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